

REMARKS

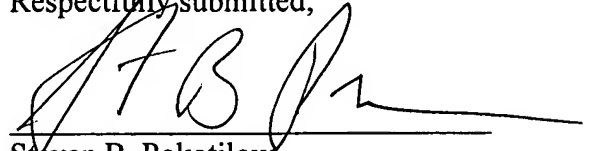
This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2004. Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the application. Of these, claims 1 and 8 are independent. Claim 5 has been allowed and claims 1-4 and 6-11 stand rejected in the outstanding Office Action. In this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to incorporate the claim 5, and claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice to expedite prosecution. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 6-11 are pending in the subject application and Applicants respectfully maintain that this application is in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that, in the Office Action, claim 5 was found to be allowable and objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Independent claims 1 and 8 have been amendment to incorporate claim 5, and accordingly, Applicants respectfully maintain that independent claims 1 and 8 and all the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

No fee, other than the one month extension fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any additional fee is required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Respectfully submitted,

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